

Greetings from DC Habitat for Humanity! Here is an update on our newest community in Northeast Washington.

SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY BUILD-A-THON & HOME DEDICATIONS



We've completed the first 12 homes on the Northeast Parcel. Construction was completed in December, concluding with our "Homes for the Holidays" Build-a-thon and dedication of the Cohen, Smith, and Brown homes. (Left) The Brown family beams from their new front porch.

During the week-long build-a-thon, volunteers worked to complete the three houses. Each volunteer raised funds to support DC Habitat for Humanity. Sponsors WC&AN Miller and Hexagon were able to join us for the special occasion.

(Below) New homeowner Desirae Smith is congratulated by Hexagon president Jim Cronin as they cross the threshold. Other sponsors of the homes include Marriott/Fairfield Inns, GMAC Residential Funding Corp, Georgetown University HFH Campus Chapter, Citigroup, and Hexagon.



GENERAL UPDATE

Work begins on 55th Street

We've been granted building permits for 12 homes on 55th Street (the block directly behind the first row of homes). We are working hard to complete homes 13- 19 by Dec 2005. We'll need all of your support to reach this wonderful milestone!

New Sponsors And Upcoming Events

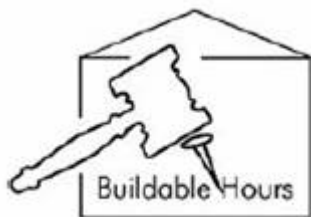
Thank you to the following sponsors, who have committed funds to the 13th – 21st homes:

- ✓ America's Community Bankers
- ✓ Freddie Mac
- ✓ Sodexo
- ✓ National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB)
- ✓ Coldwell Banker
- ✓ Buildable Hours (2nd & 3rd homes)
- ✓ WC & AN Miller (2nd home)
- ✓ Marriott (2nd home)

New media and in-kind partners. We are very excited about the new partnerships helping us build more in DC.

- ✓ Bray & Scarff/WTOP Radio. Bray & Scarff will donate washer, dryer and dishwasher to each homebuyer in 2005. WTOP radio will publish media spots in August 2005.
- ✓ WUSA TV9 will feature DC Habitat for Humanity in media spots in late 2005, featuring several homeowners currently working to build their homes.
- ✓ L & R Floors has agreed to donate carpet and flooring for each DC Habitat for Humanity home built in 2005!
- ✓ Certainteed donated 5 roof tiles for a total of 10 homes.

Capital Women Build Upcoming Event – please support this group of women volunteers who are determined to fund and build 3 or more DC Habitat for Humanity homes. The group is seeking sponsors for its first home, and is raising funds through its **2nd Annual Mother's Day Build-A-Thon** on May 14. For more information, contact Lisa Block at lisa.block@dchabitat.org or by calling 202-882-4600 x226.



Spotlight on Buildable Hours

In May, we begin another exciting summer with law firms in Washington, DC! This program was founded in Washington, DC, by Roger Goldman of Latham & Watkins and Scott Michel of Caplin & Drysdale, and has been making a difference since 2002. Now the program is having national impact - in 2004, more than 50 law firms across the country helped build six homes for deserving families and contributed \$500,000 to

Habitat for Humanity. This summer, over 25 firms will bring their summer associates to build with DC Habitat for Humanity. Buildable Hours projects will take place in eight other cities across the United States, including: Atlanta, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, New York, San Diego, San Francisco, and St. Louis. For more information on this exciting program, visit www.buildablehours.com.

CONGRATULATIONS - Co-founders, **Roger Goldman and Scott Michel**, are being presented with the "**Awards of Distinction for Innovation**" by the **National Association for LawPlacement, Inc. (NALP)** for launching such a far-reaching program.

Help us close out the fiscal year with a bang!

DC Habitat for Humanity has made great progress on our 53-home community in Northeast Washington. Help us keep the momentum going! As we close in on the end of our fiscal year (June 30), we are looking to maximize revenue and start the next year off on a good note. Here's how you can help...

- ✓ **House sponsorships.** We are seeking sponsors for homes to be built in Fall 2005 and beyond.
- ✓ **Team building days.** Bring a work team out and contribute towards the costs of building materials.
- ✓ **Help us raise funds.** Organize an individual or group "build-a-thon" to raise funds for your time onsite.
- ✓ **Matching funds.** Does your company match donations of its employees? Please contact your HR office for more details on how to double your giving to DC Habitat for Humanity.

Some facts about DC Habitat for Humanity:

- ✓ In our 16-year history, we've built 79 homes, and rehabbed 75 co-op units, housing over 325 Washingtonians.
- ✓ Our current site, a \$10.5 million development, will ultimately become home to 53 hard-working families. We've completed 12 homes as of February 2005, and seven more are under development. We are working to complete the entire site by December 2008.
- ✓ Currently, it costs \$115,000 in building materials to build each DC Habitat home. This includes building materials and subcontractors for electrical, plumbing, HVAC and fire sprinklers. Site development and other costs bring the total cost per home to \$145,000.
- ✓ We are seeking unique partnerships to further our efforts beyond the current site. If you know someone in construction who could help us by donating time, materials or other expertise, please contact Trina Ramsey at 202-882-4600 x225 or via email: trina.ramsey@dchabitat.org

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The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do. -Walter Bagehot